



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION JANUARY 16, 2013

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Commissioner McGovern, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: O'Connell and Siersema

Commissioners Present: Commissioners McGovern, Cook, Thomas, and Spencer were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tom Herbel, City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Brian Ragland, Utilities Manager
Jim Wagner, Senior Civil Engineer
Jonathan Claudio, Senior Civil Engineer
Duncan Lee, Principal Civil Engineer
Ken Dills, Project Manager
Kirsty Wapner, Administrative Assistant
Bill Hart

B. PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

C. MINUTES

The August 15 and September 19, 2012 minutes were approved by the Commission.

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

E. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

E-1. Travis Hopkins noted the Chair and Vice Chair will be elected at the next Public Works Commission meeting in February.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – Travis Hopkins stated the Circulation Element Update and Water Master Plan would be presented on January 22. He reported on January 25, the City will be holding the Strategic Planning Session meeting with three year goals, and a presentation on financial stability.
- F-2. Active Capital Project Report - Tom Herbel provided updates on the Capital Project Report.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Garfield Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Project from Magnolia Street to Bushard Street, and Goldenwest Street from PCH to Yorktown Avenue, CC-1433- Tom Herbel introduced Jim Wagner to present on the Garfield Avenue Arterial Street Rehabilitation Project. He reported the last rehabilitation was done in 1989-1992. The targeted bid opening date is March 25, 2013. Award of a contract is anticipated on May 6 and completion of construction in October. Commissioner McGovern questioned if trees will be replaced in the center strip on Goldenwest. Wagner stated there are no plans for median tree replacement. Of the 39 trees to be removed from Goldenwest. Fourteen new trees will be replaced in the project area right-of-way with the balance of new trees planted elsewhere in the City.

Motion by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to move forward and bring this item to Council.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Siersema)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Lambert Park Slope Repair, CC-1337 – Tom Herbel introduced Jo Claudio to present on the Lambert Park slope repair. Claudio noted there was an analysis of the slope for signs of failure, and now there are funds budgeted in this Fiscal Year. The focus of the repair is on the original failure area. Claudio stated this was caused by excess watering.

Motion by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Cook to bring this item to Council.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Siersema)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-3. Water Master Plan/ Financial Plan Presentation – Tom Herbel introduced Duncan Lee to present the Water Master Plan/ Financial Plan. Mr. Lee provided a brief history of the Water Master Plan, which was developed to address water system deficiencies related to projected population growth. He stated that the Financial Plan determined that no water rate adjustments were anticipated at this time to fund Master Plan projects.

Travis Hopkins added that a tiered conservation water rate would be presented to Council in the next few months. He explained the tiered rate system, stating it helps to encourage a conservation rate of water. The current billing system does not allow for different rates for different systems. An implementation plan is needed for the tiered rate, which will be brought to Council later. Hopkins noted this would be shared with the Public Works Commission in a few months. Commissioner Cook stated if the Poseidon desalination plant is constructed, it could drastically affect the cost of water. McGovern recommended that Cook assist the City staff in developing the plan.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to bring to Council.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Siersema)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-4. 25 mph Speed Limit on Delaware Street near Manning Park – Travis Hopkins introduced Bob Stachelski to report on signage on Delaware Street, noting a 25 mph speed limit. Stachelski reported Delaware is currently 35 mph. California Vehicle code requires a resolution approaching park for 25 mph speed limit to be in effect during the time when park is actively being used. Installation of the signs would be posted between Atlanta and Frankfurt on Delaware. Stachelski noted the Police Department has also reviewed the proposed installation of the 25 mph signs and they're in favor.

Motion by Commissioner Thomas, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to move forward and bring to Council.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Siersema)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-5. Amendments to HBMC Chapter 10.44 Parking Time Limits – Bob Stachelski reported this item is being presented to Council on Tuesday, January 22. Staff is seeking changes to modify sections of HBMC Chapter 10.44, as codes were out of date. The changes will allow for more flexibility for the City.

Motion by Commissioner Cook, seconded by Commissioner Thomas to move forward and bring to Council.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 (O'Connell, Siersema)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

I. COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM to February 20, 2013, in City Council Chambers.

John McGovern
Commissioner

Kirsty Wapner
Administrative Assistant